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In re Patent No. 6,000,522 :  
Issue Date: December 14, 1999 :  
Application No. 08/881,021 : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Filed: June 23, 1997 :  
Patentee: Alice Johnson :

This is a decision on the petition to reinstate the expired patent under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed July 9, 2012.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified patent issued December 14, 1999. Accordingly, the third maintenance fee could have been paid during the period from December 14, 2010 through June 14, 2011 without surcharge, or with a surcharge of \$65 during the period from June 15, 2011 through December 14, 2011. No maintenance fee having been received, the patent expired on December 15, 2011. Patentee filed a petition to reinstate under 37 CFR 1.378(b) on May 31, 2012. However, the petition was dismissed in a decision mailed on June 22, 2012.

Since the instant petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c). The maintenance fee in this case is accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Receipt of the \$1640 unintentional surcharge fee and the \$2365 maintenance fee is acknowledged.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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